

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen and School Committee

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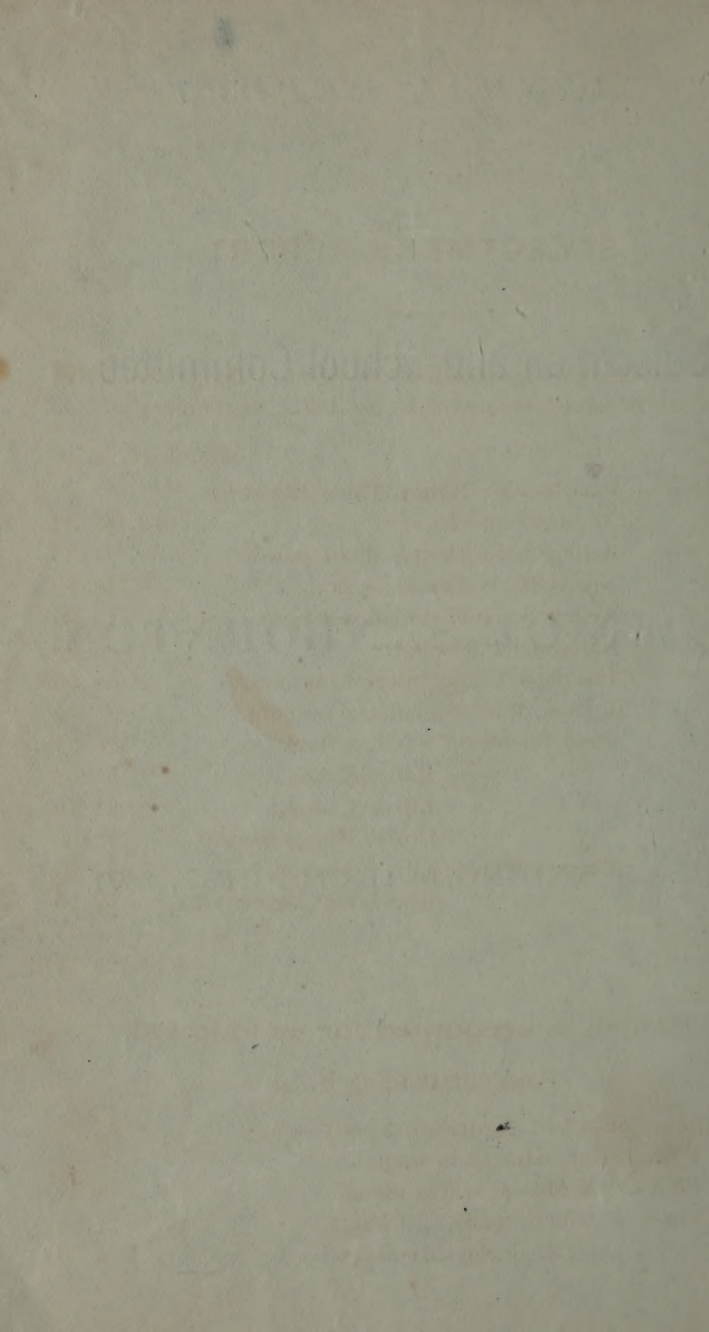
TOWN OF SANBORTON.

— FOR THE —

YEAR ENDING MARCH FIRST, 1871.

TILTON, N. H.:

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SELECTMENS' REPORT.

The Selectmen of the Town of Sanbornton charge themselves with Cash Received, belonging to the Town, as follows :

March 12, 1870.

Received of Jonathan M. Taylor, Town Treasurer		
for 1869 and 70,		\$3,488 37
“ Arthur J. Crockett, sale of powder,		1 55
“ Norris M. Weeks, back tax,		318 38
“ Arthur S. Ladd, to balance note,		15 96
“ Nathaniel P. Sanborn, “		38
“ Joseph S. Clark, interest on note,		40 50
“ John S. Wallace, balance on note,		95
“ State Treasurer, Savings Bank tax,		526 99
“ “ “ Railroad tax,		158 07
“ “ “ Literary fund,		81 78
“ “ “ United States bounty,		192 00
“ Thomas Webster, Jr. Collector,		8,636 05
“ “ “ non-resident highway tax,		32 76
		\$13,493 74

Which is accounted for as follows:

Paid outstanding Bills:

Paid John Comerford, for painting book safe,	\$3 00
“ Wm. Burley, damage to wagon,	1 00
“ Flanders & Moses, bridge plank,	19 68
“ Simon R. Morrison, D. C. Clough,	
J. J. Burley, Auditors,	6 00

Paid Richard D. Johnson, on Turkey bridge,	1 00
“ Flanders & Moses, bridge plank,	20 88
“ Jonathan M. Taylor, services as Selectman, and for horse and sleigh,	19 25
“ D. C. Clough, plank,	2 68
“ Jonathan M. Taylor, Selectmens' board,	3 50
“ O. E. Brown, express bill,	30
“ E. P. Boutwell, on roads,	3 75
“ Thomas C. Curry, on roads,	3 75
“ David Shaw, on roads,	20 00
“ Folsom Morrill, breakwater, on Prescott brook,	45 00
“ David Shaw, on roads, 1869,	40 53
“ James C. Wadleigh, breaking roads,	8 00
“ John S. Tilton, on roads,	7 00
“ Sylvester Brown, on roads,	3 00
“ Alonzo Wadleigh, “	6 00
“ E. F. Plummer, “	3 45
“ Charles S. Batchelder, on roads,	11 60
“ Arthur C. Taylor, services as Selectman,	6 00
“ Arthur J. Crockett, “ “	6 00
“ Gilman D. Lane, on roads,	10 00
“ David Shaw's heirs, land damage,	50 66
“ Joseph W. Moses, on roads,	9 63
“ Hollis K. Thompson, stone for bridge,	2 00
“ O. B. Davis, damage to team getting into water on road, in winter 1870,	5 00
“ Charles D. Silver, ash plank,	68
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	\$319 34

Paid Current Expenses.

Paid Mr. Hutchins, for paper, &c.,	\$3 98
“ Letter Stamps,	09
“ Expenses out of town, on Hill bridge,	1 50
“ Express on Invoice books, &c.,	30
“ Jonathan M. Taylor, stamp on deed,	50

Paid	Expenses in taking Inventory,	30
"	Herman T. Hale, expenses at Court,	6 00
"	Morrill & Silsby, Invoice books, &c.,	8 40
"	Merriam Folsom, for dog damage to sheep,	5 00
"	William F. Paine, " " "	3 00
"	Josiah B. Batchelder, " "	9 00
"	Oliyer Calef, " " "	5 00
"	Herman T. Hale, " " "	4 00
"	Beniah P. Burley, on Hancock case,	75
"	William Dyer, " "	95
"	Amos M. Baker, " "	1 00
"	Expenses at Hill, " "	1 25
"	Josiah Howe, for Messenger on Hancock case,	2 50
"	Expenses at Court on Hancock case,	3 00
"	Thomas Webster, " "	2 00
"	Joseph Lougee, parsonage in'st for Free Baptist,	1 40
"	A. B. Sanborn, " " Congregational,	18 25
"	Ira Woodman, for services rendered,	2 00
"	Herman T. Hale, for horse out of town,	6 00
"	Express on Highway books,	30
"	Thomas Webster, Jr. for Collecting School	
	House tax in District No. 6,	4 00
"	William Paine, for sawing wood,	1 00
"	A. W. Brown, for wood at town house,	2 75
"	State tax,	1,890 00
"	County tax,	1,091 98
"	George W. Copp, for watering trough,	1 50
"	D. W. Bunker, for guide posts,	2 00
"	Augustus Bickford, for errand,	50
"	Moses B. Gilman, tax refunded,	3 33
"	Morrill & Silsby, for check lists,	1 05
"	" " blank books, &c.,	1 00
"	O. E. Brown, parsonage interest for First	
	Baptist Church and Society,	22 93
"	James W. Sanders, parsonage interest, Second	
	Baptist Church and Society,	18 72

Paid Chase W. Brown, Third Baptist,	10 53
“ A. M. Osgood, School Committee,	13 50
“ Moses T. Runnels, visiting schools, examining teachers and making report,	54 50
“ Moses T. Runnels, on references,	13 50
“ “ “ Perambulating town lines, and incidentals,	19 63
“ O. E. Brown, School Committee,	13 50
“ A. W. Brown, Selectmens' board,	43 50
“ Jonathan M. Taylor, services as Town Clerk,	50 00
“ Daniel Jacobs, drawing guide posts,	2 50
“ Samuel S. Hersey, setting guide posts,	4 25
“ Thomas Webster, jr., collecting taxes,	60 00
“ Barnard & Sanborn, council,	10 00
“ Norris M. Weeks, taxes overpaid,	37 08
“ Cyrus H. Lane, setting guide posts,	50
“ Herman T. Hale, Selectman,	131 00
“ Overseer of poor,	12 00
“ On roads and bridges,	10 00
“ Treasurer,	50 00
“ Barnard H. Smith, Selectman,	119 00
“ Overseer of poor,	8 00
“ Jeremiah B. Calef, Selectman,	119 00
“ Overseer of poor,	10 00
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	\$3,919 22

Paid Poor bills.

Paid Samuel S. Hersey, for J. C. Silver,	\$2 00
“ Rufus Howe, for Jonathan Daniels,	80 00
“ James B. Abbott, for J. C. Silver,	14 20
“ O. E. Brown, for wood “	2 50
“ A. W. Abbott, for J. C. Silver,	20 00
“ Frank L. Mason, “ “	11 00
“ Rufus Howe, for Jonathan Daniels,	50 00
“ Samuel S. Hersey, for J. C. Silver,	8 33

Paid J. F. Taylor, J. C. Silver,	10 80
“ Rufus Howe, for Jonathan Daniels,	50 00
“ A. W. Brown, for Mrs. Silver,	4 47
“ Alvin C. Leavitt, for Mrs. Brown,	10 00
“ Hollis K. Thompson, coffin for J. C. Silver,	7 00
“ John Blaisdell, for sawing wood for Mrs. Silver,	2 25
“ Daniel Jacobs, for Mrs. Silver,	14 50
“ Ebenezer Chase, for John Chase,	30 00
“ Wm. B. Thompson, digging grave,	2 00
“ Thomas W. Taylor, assistance to Mrs. Silver,	1 50
“ Jonathan M. Taylor, taking depositions on pauper cases,	3 00
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	\$323 45

Paid on Roads and Bridges.

Paid Daniel M. Page, for roding Hill bridge,	\$39 06
“ Daniel L. Tilton, on roads,	5 95
“ Thomas Webster, Jr. for building abutment and repairing bridge,	71 31
“ Benjamin Calley, on roads,	27 90
“ Brown & Simonds, for bridge plank,	12 56
“ Hiram P. Wadleigh, on roads,	6 00
“ Moses C. Heath. “	12 00
“ John T. G. Sanborn, “	4 50
“ Horace Swain, “	55
“ Cyrus H. Lane, “	2 00
“ S. W. Morrison, “	1 00
“ Charles Roby, “	5 25
“ J. J. Burley, “	22 75
“ John S. Wallace, “	5 00
“ Henry Judkins, “	8 00
“ Charles Emerson, “	2 25
“ Daniel L. Tilton, “	2 00
“ Norris M. Weeks, “	9 00
“ Harrison White, “	3 00

Paid	Benjamin Calley, on roads,	1 50
"	P. C. Quimby, "	3 75
"	Charles D. Silver, non-resident highway tax,	6 25
"	B. H. Smith, on Huse bridge,	2 00
"	Herman T. Hale, ox work on road, &c.,	16 75
"	John M. Flanders, for bridge plank,	23 68
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		\$294 01

Paid School Money.

District No.	1.	Daniel S. Clay, Committee,	\$ 121 82
	2.	John M. Blaisdell, "	156 96
	3.	Harrison Weston, "	85 51
	4.	Thomas J. Cate, "	144 37
	5.	Orin D. Huse, "	115 15
	6.	Chas. S. Batchelder, "	64 56
	7.	Alanson P. Howe, "	65 29
	8.	Hiram P. Wadleigh, "	77 65
	9.	Eleazer D. Weeks, "	61 60
	10.	John S. Tilton, "	143 72
	11.	K. H. Batchelder, "	104 41
	12.	John S. Russell, "	140 82
	13.	Thomas Webster, jr. "	117 29
	14.	W. H. Cross, "	10 78
	15.	Joseph Flanders, "	16 86
	18.	Joseph Lougee, "	38 74
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			\$1,465 53

Paid Notes on Town Debt.

Paid	Wm. F. Paine, note,	\$103 20
"	Geo. W. J. Taylor, "	539 03
"	Ede Taylor, "	502 37
"	Daniel M. Page, "	145 74
"	Julia Weeks, "	141 14
"	Chase Jaques, "	160 00

Paid	Herman T. Hale, Guardian note,	370 88
"	" " " " "	106 44
"	Sally D. Huse, note,	146 41
"	Geo. O. Boynton, "	478 69
"	Chase Jaques, on note,	40 00
"	Thomas W. Perkins, for Nathan Smith notes,	880 09
"	A. B. Sanborn, note,	101 40
"	Elizabeth M. Lane, interest on note	48 00
"	Noah Smith, note,	995 49
"	Janett Wadleigh, "	113 20
"	Joseph Lougee, on note,	26 26
"	Nancy Jewett, note,	88 67
"	Wm. Taylor, 2 notes,	457 69
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		\$5,445 30

Non-resident and Highway tax, collected and paid to
the different Highway Districts.

Received in labor and paid over to the districts.

Received of Jonathan T. Wadleigh,	1 40
James M. Burleigh,	6 30
Langdon Ladd,	1 50
Nathaniel Jones,	1 88
W. H. H. Rollins,	1 50
Josiah Piper,	3 25
H. W. Day,	2 30
E. S. Veasey,	1 50
J. S. Wescott,	88
Benjamin F. Roberts,	75
J. Lamprey,	32
N. P. Hancock,	93
Gideon Piper,	3 00
Leonard Currier,	45
E. E. Adams,	1 75
Edwin S. Edgerly,	50
Urial Rollins,	2 35
Ira E. Gordon,	75
Abram Drake,	1 00
S. K. Webster,	45
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	\$32 76

Notes renewed, and accounted for as follows:

Every old note taken up is recorded as cash paid out, and every new note given, as cash borrowed; but no cash received, except what is accounted for as cash received of Arthur S. Ladd, \$15,96; Nathaniel P. Sanborn, 38 cts. and J. S. Wallage, 95 cts. Amounting to 17,29 in all, as cash really borrowed.

Mar. 26.	Borrowed of Nathaniel R. Silver,	\$542 48
31.	“ Jenett Wadleigh,	1,314 61
Apr. 19.	“ Joshur E. Dennis,	139 97
June 7.	“ Chase W. Colby,	600 24
	“ Lydia Colby,	141 24
30.	“ John B. Batchelder,	1,274 82
1869.		
Apr. 14.	“ Mary Ann Lane,	166 47
1870.		
Aug. 6.	“ Sarah G. Abbott,	817 79
July 19.	“ Nancy P. Eastman,	283 70
Nov. 5.	“ Horatio N. March,	847 27
11.	“ Arthur S. Ladd,	400 00
19.	“ George W. J. Taylor,	282 36
	“ Samuel Brown,	141 80
Dec. 17.	“ Nathaniel P. Sanborn,	114 00
31.	“ Elvira P. Dearborn,	474 48
1871.		
Jan. 7.	“ A. B. Sanborn,	466 00
14.	“ John S. Wallace,	1,820 00
28,	“ Mary Bailey,	882 14
Feb. 11,	“ Joseph Lougee,	200 00
Oct. 12,	“ A. B. Sanborn,	1,418 52
Mar. 7,	“ George W. J. Taylor,	211 50
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		\$12,539 39

Notes Paid.

Mar. 26, 1870,	Paid Nathaniel R. Silver notes,	\$542 48
31. "	" Janett Wadleigh, notes,	1,314 61
Apr. 19.	" Hannah Hersey, note, J. E. Dennis,	139 97
June 7.	" Chase W. Colby, "	600 24
7.	" Lydia Colby, "	141 24
30.	" John B. Batchelder, notes,	1,274 82
Apr. 14, 1869,	" 1st Baptist church and society, to M. A. Lane,	166 47
Aug. 6, 1870,	" J. B. Abbott, notes, Sarah P. Abbott,	817 79
July 19, "	" N. Eastman, note, Nancy P. Eastman,	283 70
Nov. 5, "	" Horatio March, note,	425 33
" " "	" Joshua March, note,	421 94
11, "	" Arthur S. Ladd, note,	384 04
19, "	" Geo. W. Taylor, Wm. Taylor, note,	282 36
" "	" Samuel Brown, note,	141 80
Dec. 17, "	" Cutis Burley, note, N. P. Sanborn,	113 62
31, "	" Elvira P. Fitzgerald, note, to E. P. Dearborn,	474 48
Jan. 7, 1871,	" A. B. Sanborn, note,	466 00
Oct. 12, 1870,	" " " "	1,418 52
Jan. 14, 1871,	" John S. Wallace, note,	1,819 05
Jan. 28, 1871,	" Mary Bailey, note,	882 14
Feb. 11, 1871,	" Joseph Lougee, notes,	200 00
Mar. 7, 1871,	" Geo. W. J. Taylor, note,	211 50
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		\$12,522 10
Cash received of	Arthur S. Ladd,	13 96
" "	John S. Wallace,	95
" "	Nathaniel P. Sanborn,	38
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		\$12,539 39

Recapitulation.

Cash recieved from all sources,	\$1,349 374
Paid Outstanding bills,	\$319 34
" Current Expenses,	3,919 22
" Poor Bills,	323 45
" On Roads and Bridges,	249 01

" School Money,	1,465	53	
" Notes on Town Debt,	5,445	30	
" Non-resident Highway tax,	32	76	11,789 61
Cash in Treasury.			<u>\$1,694 13</u>

Respectfully Submitted,

HERMAN T. HALE,	}	<i>Selectmen of Sanbornton.</i>
BARNARD H. SMITH,		
JEREMIAH B. CALEF,		

March 9, 1871. Having examined the foregoing accounts, we find them fully vouched and-correctly cast.

ARTHUR C. TAYLOR,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
J. B. OSGOOD,		
JONATHAN M. TAYLOR,		

Whole amount of taxes committed to collector, including non-resident highway tax, \$9,610 23

Abatement,	84	59	
Non-resident highway tax,	32	76	
Tax collected,	8,636	05	
	<u>\$8,753</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>\$8,753 40</u>

Tax uncollected on Webster's book,	856	83	
" " " Norris M. Week's book,	90	50	
Railroad Shares, 17,	170	00	
Joreph S. Clark, note,	675	00	
United States bounty	1,740	30	
Cash in Treasury,	1,694	13	
			<u>\$5,226 76</u>

Debts due from the Town.

Notes, by estimate,	36,781	50	
Outstanding bills, by estimate,	100	00	
	<u>36,881</u>	<u>50</u>	
Deduct assets,	5,226	76	
Town debt, by estimate,	31,654	74	

Report of the School Committee.

During the past year, the school districts in town have been re-numbered by the Selectmen, beginning at the south west corner and following the ranges of the districts from West to East, from East to West, and from West to East again. The brief name of each district, as given by the Selectmen, appears after its number in this report. Also, in the Tabular Statement, the old numbers are appended to the new, as a matter of convenience.

Your Committee arranged that the examination of teachers, and the ordinary visits of schools should devolve upon the chairman. In only two instances have the services of the other two been required for mutual advice in matters of discipline. In these cases we were called upon to pass judgement on the rules established by teachers or make new ones. It may be well for future committees to remember that this latter is legally their duty, and if they sometimes exercise their prerogative *in advance*, it may be of assistance to teachers, and promote the welfare of the schools.

Good order and studious habits have characterized the great majority of our pupils the past year.

In the fundamental branches of Reading, Spelling, and Penmanship, there has been unusual interest, with corresponding improvement in most of the schools. The wish having been generally expressed, that a change of reading books should be made, Willson's series of Readers and Spellers, after long and careful deliberation, was decided upon as most desirable by the last year's committee. It has been the somewhat onerous task of the present year, to introduce these books.

The terms were more favorable than those afterwards obtained by the town of Tilton for the same books, only a small difference

being charged between the *old*, whatever their condition, and the *new*. These books, while teaching the pupils to read, also acquaint their minds with each of the leading sciences in a familiar and attractive way. Their full value will not be enjoyed in our schools till the youngest pupils, in coming years, shall have progressed in order from the lowest to the highest of the series ; while those who now possess the 4th and 5th readers, have in them such repositories of useful knowledge, for young and old *in the family*, as will many times compensate for all the books have cost.

In the new spellers the custom of spelling by clauses or phrases, as our pupils will be called to do in practical life, is a happy innovation.

The common complaint that "writing is neglected," we think can no longer apply to most of our schools. Harper's writing books have been recommended, (not introduced,) and largely used ; several features of which series facilitate young beginners and encourage older pupils in the art of writing. Your committee have also sought to stimulate an interest in this branch by the use of specimen copies at the beginning and close of each term, and by reporting to the school the names of those supposed to have made the greatest improvement and to have kept the neatest copy books.

The highly appropriate and salutary custom long followed by one of our best teachers, of having verses of Scripture recited each day by the whole or a portion of the school, besides the daily reading, has been strongly recommended, and adopted, we believe, by every school in town.

While the place of the Bible in common schools is being so strongly contested by the combined influence of infidels and papists in other parts of the land, it becomes our New England communities to cling with greater tenacity to the Oracles of Divine truth, and to encourage their study and use in our schools, as the chief foundation of that "sound morality," and those "principles of piety and justice," which the laws of our

State make it "the duty of all persons entrusted with or engaged in the instruction of the young diligently to impress upon their minds."

Two valuable school houses have either been erected or completed in town the past year, Nos. 12 and 13. It is hoped that others will soon be added. There should be an earnest and united effort on the part of teachers, scholars, Prud'l Committees and citizens generally, to keep these new houses, and all others, as long as possible in a neat and unimpaired condition. Complaint has been made that the *best teachers*, in other respects, fail to meet their responsibility in *this matter*. It is also said that a single *school meeting* in one instance the past year, has damaged a new school house more than a whole term of school. The school room should not be treated like a town hall!

Teachers.

In districts numbers 2, 5, 9, 11, 12, and 13, old and well tried teachers in our town, have been employed, fully sustaining their past reputations and even adding to their laurels. In the other districts younger teachers, or those previously untried by us, have labored earnestly, and almost without exception, successfully; while we are pleased to add that two or three, lately, *children* of our communities have made very promising beginnings in the work of instruction. To these general remarks upon the school houses and teachers we subjoin brief suggestive notes upon the condition and appearance of our several

Schools.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

"Calef Hill." Daniel S. Clay, Prudential Committee. Two first terms, ending October 7, and taught by Miss Lucy J. Emery, of Andover, are registered as one in the Tabular Statement. The pupils displayed their usual aptness and proficiency of scholarship, with perhaps a little less of interest or enthusiasm than on some previous occasions. Answers, in some cases, less

audible and more rapid than seemed desirable. The other term was taught by Miss Emma L. Garvin, of Tilton. Three of the pupils reported "not to have failed in a single recitation" during the term. Well directed energy displayed by both teacher and taught. Good order, in doors and out. Excellent readers, especially among the lads.

DISTRICT No. 2.

"Square." J. M. Blaisdell, Prudential Committee. First term taught by Miss Georgie B. Perley. Instruction happily adapted to the different ages of the scholars, with special attention to vocalizing and elocution, which greatly improved the appearance of the pupils, and enabled them to be heard with unusual distinctness at the closing examination. Winter term taught, as last year, by Miss Sarah P. Comerford. We were called to assist the teacher in the enforcement of one of her regulations which "forbade her scholars being late in the afternoon by going to the Post Office." This rule and the reasons for it appeared so justifiable in the premises, that we felt it our duty most decidedly to re-affirm it for the rest of the term; at the same time, conceding to parents and guardians, the privilege of sending their children to the office at intermission on special occasions, when the concurrent permission of the teacher should also have been obtained. The good order of the school, and the gentlemanly bearing of the older boys at final examination, were highly gratifying. The largest, and in many respects the best reading class in town; with other evidences of marked improvement.

DISTRICT No. 3.

"Hunkins." H. Weston, Prudential Committee. Miss Ella Woodman, Teacher. Two terms in the Fall, with a short vacation between. Progress of the school, from first to last, was very apparent. Writing specimens among the most "improved" in town. In arithmetic, some of the pupils acquitted themselves nobly.

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